

**Land & Water
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LAND & WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE and TIME: Wednesday, August 16, 2006 at 3:30 p.m.

PLACE: Oneida County Courthouse, Committee Rm. 1 (second floor)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Rudolph, Petroskey, Matteson, Martinson, and Hansen, (Kuczmarski – (excused absence for LWCC meeting)–

OTHERS PRESENT: Nancy Hollands, Barb Payne, Jean Hansen, Fred Heider (NCWRPC), and Joan Meeder (Trees for Tomorrow Workshop Recipient)

1. Meeting was called to order in the Oneida County Courthouse, Committee Room 1 at 3:30 p.m. by Chairman Rudolph, who indicated that this meeting is a public meeting of the Land & Water Conservation Committee, which was properly posted and the media was notified.

2. **MOTION (Hansen/Matteson), to approve the minutes of the August 9th meeting and the current agenda. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

3. Set date for next meeting – The LWCC committee meeting for September 7th is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., and the meeting for October 11th is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. Hollands asked the Committee if October 19th at 7:00 p.m. would be agreeable for the Poster & Speaking Contest. The Committee felt that October 19th would work. It will be held at the Rhineland High School in the Chorus room again this year.

4. Public Comments – There were no public comments.

5. Report on Trees for Tomorrow Workshop (Joan Meeder) – Joan gave a very interesting summary of her experiences at the Trees for Tomorrow Workshop. She thanked the Committee for selecting her to receive the scholarship this year. Joan attended the workshop on Phenology, which is the study of the season changes. Joan said they went outdoors to study natural history and seasonal changes of birds, mammals, herps, fishes, insects, trees, wild flowers, mushrooms, astronomy and weather. The Committee asked Joan if she would promote this educational opportunity with other Oneida County teachers in the future. She said she would definitely promote it. Joan stated that she would like to attend another workshop if given the opportunity.

6. Wildlife Damage Program – Hollands reported Ron Eckstein, DNR, approved three shooting permits. The permit applications are listed as follows: 1) Rhinelander-Oneida County Airport, 2) Lake Nokomis Cranberries, and 3) Dolhun Airport in Lake Tomahawk. Hollands stated that she would ask Ron Eckstein if he could attend a future meeting to give a progress report. The Committee stated that it would be an excellent idea. She also reported to the Committee that the Department had recently received a call from Lake Nokomis Cranberries about a problem with geese. After completing some research into the problem, Hollands informed the Committee that the Land & Water Conservation Department would not be able to obtain Shell Crackers for Lake Nokomis Cranberries as we had done in the past. It seems that it is an issue since the September 11th tragedy concerning our Homeland Security. Shell Crackers are considered an explosive. The company that supplies the shell crackers will not sell them to us, as we would be providing them to another person/persons. Lake Nokomis Cranberries would have to deal directly with the company to obtain them. They would be able to receive reimbursement for the purchase of shell crackers through the Wildlife Damage Program. This information was forwarded to Nokomis Cranberries. Hollands stated that she is waiting to hear from them as to what they want to do regarding this problem.

7. County Cost-Share Program – Jean Hansen reported that the Lynn Anderson planting plan has been completed. Jean said she would get pictures to share with the Committee. Guy Hansen asked Jean Hansen about the status of The Lake Nokomis Project. Jean brought Guy Hansen up to date on the project, as he had been on vacation during her last update to the Committee. The Lake Nokomis Project will start in December. One property owner dropped out, but two of the adjoining property owners have committed to the project. They are currently waiting for DNR permits. Jean is waiting for the Smeatons on Lake Minocqua to return the signed plan. Jean is in the process of completing the design for the Schreiber project. Jean reported that she would meet with Stacy next Friday, August 25th. Stacy Dehne, DATCP, and Jean Hansen plan to do a survey of the island located on Hasbrook Lake. Jean reported that letters have been sent out to landowners with older files to determine whether they are still interested in the cost-share program. Rudolph asked Jean to check with Bernard Farbiak who had questions regarding a previous contact with our office on the cost share program.

8. Calendar Year 2007 Equipment and Staffing Requests – Hollands reported that the copier located on the second floor broke down quite some time ago. She stated that several offices used the copier, which was located near Committee Room 2. Some of the offices have other copiers to use. Hollands and her staff now have to go down to the first floor to use the copier. Hollands and her staff feel this isn't an efficient method of operation. The first floor offices are already utilizing this copier. We have to wait to use the copier as other offices are using it, or it is being repaired. Hollands stated that we have a fax copier in our office, which is fine for limited use. She feels there should be a working copier accessible to the office staff located on each floor.

The Committee stated Hollands should check with Karl Jennrich of the Planning & Zoning Office to determine if we could use their copier. The Planning & Zoning copier is located near the front of their office. We would disturb their office staff, as we would have to walk through their offices to use their copier. There is also a question on how to bill the Land & Water Conservation Department for the number of copies we use. In the past, the copier was set up with different codes for different accounts for the various offices. After a considerable amount

of discussion, the Committee felt there should be a working copier located on the second floor, which is accessible to the second floor offices that don't have their own copiers.

Hollands also stated that Planning & Zoning was in the process of purchasing a copier for their Minocqua office. She said she could check into this type of copier and the cost, which would be submitted to the Buildings & Grounds Committee for approval. Hollands stated that she had contacted several of the offices on the second floor about submitting a joint request for the purchase of a copier. They said they are currently using the first floor copier too, and didn't want to make a commitment at this time. These other offices also have the use of small tabletop copiers. The Committee agreed that Hollands should look into a copier. **MOTION (Hansen/Matteson) to approve the 2007 equipment request for a copier, which would be located on the second floor of the courthouse. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Hollands reported that she needed more time to prepare the documentation for a full time AIS position. The Committee stated they could address this agenda item at the next LWCC meeting. The deadline for the 2007 Staffing Request is August 28th.

9. Land & Water Resource Management Plan – Fred Heider, North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, presented the newest draft of the Plan. Hollands handed out a letter from the Oneida County Lakes & Rivers Association outlining the changes they would like to see in the plan. Rudolph commented that he had recently read an article in the Lakeland Times newspaper, and he felt the article wasn't very supportive. Rudolph felt the article implied a lack of implementation of the goals prioritized by the Citizens Advisory Committee. Heider, Hollands, Hansen, and the Committee went over the list that was compiled with the Citizens Advisory Committee. This list of goals was checked, and they were not omitted from the plan as suggested by the Lakeland Times. After checking the plan page by page, it was felt that the appropriate areas were addressed and implemented as advised by the Citizens Advisory Committee. However, Goal 10 (non-metallic mining) was added as requested by the Oneida County Lakes & Rivers Association in their letter of recommendation to the Committee. The Committee felt that it is a good plan and new issues were added where they were needed.

Adjourn – The meeting was temporarily adjourned at 5:30 p.m. to allow time for the committee and staff to eat prior to Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. to present the 5-Year Oneida County Land & Water Resource Management Plan. Upon the adjournment of the Public Hearing, the Land & Water Conservation Committee may act on the Land & Water Resource Management Plan, and may complete any of the above agenda items that were not completed prior to the beginning of the public hearing. MOTION (Matteson/Hansen) to temporarily adjourn until the 6:30 p.m. Public Hearing. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Hollands noted that the Public Hearing would be held in Committee Room 2, as it is a larger room with more seating if needed by the public.

The Land & Water Conservation Committee meeting reconvened at 7:35 p.m. to continue with agenda items as determined by the Chairman and the Committee.

10. Non – Native Aquatic Invasive Species/Grants – This agenda item will be continued at the next meeting on August 22nd.

11. Lake Districts/Agency Report (FSA, NRCS, LWCD, UWEX, DNR, LWCB, WLWCA, & RC&D)
12. Monthly Budget Review – This agenda item will be discussed at the August 22nd meeting.
13. Travel Authorization – This agenda item will be discussed at the August 22nd meeting.

14. Approval of invoices, purchase orders, and line item transfers.

MOTION (Martinson/Hansen), to approve payment of the vouchers as presented. Motion carried, all voting aye.

15. Items for the next meeting agenda – Standard items

16. Public Hearing – The Public Hearing was held at 6:30 p.m. Minutes have been recorded separately.

17. Upon adjournment of public hearing, the Land & Water Conservation Committee may act on the Land & Water Resource Management Plan, and may complete any of the above agenda items that were not completed prior to the beginning of the public hearing. – The proposed changes were made to the plan. The Committee approved the current vouchers so payment could be issued. The agenda items noted above will be continued on the August 22nd meeting.

18. Adjourn – **With all business being concluded as decided on by the Chairman and the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. by MOTION (Martinson/Hansen). Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Thomas Rudolph
Chairman

Nancy Hollands
County Conservationist